IN RECOGNITION OF "INTERNATIONAL MUSEUM DAY"

WHEREAS, museums hold in trust for future generations a substantial part of humankind's material patrimony produced by the skill of our ancestors and our contemporaries; and

WHEREAS, museums encourage curiosity in the very young, offer enlightenment and education to the student, and provide a continuing source of enjoyment and cultural enrichment for all; and

WHEREAS, museums are centers of research for scholars and contribute significantly to our knowledge of history, science, and the arts; and

WHEREAS, museums enhance the quality of life in our communities and provide a sense of continuity and perspective which reinforces the cultural opportunities offered by schools, colleges, universities, libraries, and other institutions of learning; and

WHEREAS, the museums of our city deserve recognition for their contribution to the preservation of heritage of Augusta and to the furtherance of understanding concerning the peoples of the United States and the peoples of other countries in the past, present and future.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bob Young, Mayor of the City of Augusta, do hereby proclaim May 18, 2003 as "INTERNATIONAL MUSEUM DAY" in Augusta, Georgia and urge all citizens to recognize this day.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of Augusta, Georgia to be affixed this 6th day of May 2003.